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Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, was interviewed at his residence, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, April 19, 1968, at which time he furnished the following information:

On November 27, 1967, he received a telephone call from a JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep and learn to remember things better. As there was an open appointment that afternoon, an appointment was made for RAY to come to the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, at 5:00 p.m.

RAY did report for the scheduled appointment on November 27th, at 5:00 p.m. Dr. FREEMAN exhibited a leaf from his consultation notebook (approximately 3"x5" in size), on which he said he had made some notes regarding RAY on the occasion of their first appointment. This notebook page contained the name JAMES E. RAY; address, 1535 North Serrano; telephone 469-8096; and notations indicating the patient was single; had said he was from East St. Louis, and had worked on boats on the Mississippi River. Born March 10, 1928.

In this first appointment and in subsequent appointments, RAY had very little to contribute about his personal family background. He said that he was unemployed. That he had worked as a cook on a Mississippi river steamer, but did not like the work, so had quit.

The doctor said he got the impression that RAY was an early riser, as he wanted early appointments, where ever possible. He also usually arrived at the office early, considerably ahead of his scheduled appointment time. He was not "shaky," when he arrived for the early morning appointments. No indications that he was suffering from "hang-overs," on those occasions.

RAY had no physical distresses. No headaches. Was in excellent health, trim and handsome. He gave no indications of being psychotic or of being plagued with neuroses. Impressed the doctor as having an average intelligence quotient. No evidence of any deep animosity.



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Although he gave his birthdate as March 10, 1928, on the occasion of their first appointment, RAY impressed the doctor as being "young and immature."

In consultations subsequent to their first meeting, the doctor stated he felt that he and RAY developed a good rapport. RAY repeated his request that he wanted to overcome his shyness, and gain social confidence so that he would be able to talk to people. He was usually placid, cooperative, easily led in conversations, and did not fight against the doctor as some of his clients do. During either the second or third visit, the doctor asked RAY if he had any "deep dark secrets that he wanted to get off his chest." The doctor said he usually asks this question to determine if his clients have any criminal background or any sexual problems or aberations. He said that RAY answered in the negative, and gave him no reason to doubt his answer.

RAY indicated he had read a lot of books on hypnosis. According to Dr. FREEMAN, "RAY had the old power idea of hypnotism. That is that you can go around looking people in the eye and can hypnotise them and make them do what you want them to." In subsequent appointments, Dr. FREEMAN placed RAY in a hypnotic state. He said he would have RAY lie down on a couch in his office, and stare at a little spiral on the ceiling. Then the doctor would talk to him. He was a very apt subject for hypnosis. Very eager, and very cooperative. He was an excellent hypnotic subject. He was likeable, and polite. He was making progress in overcoming his shyness. At the conclusion of each session, he thanked the doctor for his assistance; and indicated that he was satisfied with the progress he was making. He was learning to calm his body down, and overcome nervousness, and shyness. He usually did what the doctor wanted.

The doctor had no recollection of any particular habits or hobbies that RAY might have had. He did not recall any scars or peculiar physical characteristics that made any special impression on him with regard to RAY. He had no recollection of any discussions regarding sports, although their visits were during the height of the football season and the start of the basketball season. He was neat, and to the best of the doctor's recollection, usually wore a suit coat, without a tie. Two photographs of ERIC GALT (with eyes open and eyes closed) were exhibited to the doctor, who said they were excellent likenesses of his patient, JAMES E. RAY.

The doctor pointed out in his professional appointment book, entries for JAMES E. RAY covering six appointments and a seventh entry which was

crossed through. These appointment dates and times, as noted in the professional appointment book, were:

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| November 27, 1967 | 5:00 p.m. |
| November 30, 1967 | 10:00 a.m. |
| December 4, 1967 | 9:00 a.m. |
| December 6, 1967 | 10:00 a.m. |
| December 11, 1967 | 3:00 p.m. |
| December 14, 1967 | 10:00 a.m. |
| December 18, 1967 | 3:00 p.m. |

This latter appointment (12/18/67) was the one with the line through it. The doctor recalled that RAY had telephone him at the office, after making the appointment for December 18th, and told him that he would be unable to come to the office for the appointment as he had received information from his brother, that the latter had "found a job for him in the Merchant Marine in New Orleans, Louisiana." The doctor, is not sure of the date or time that RAY telephone to cancel this last appointment; but feels sure that it was sometime after their 10:00 a.m. appointment on December 14, 1968.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash, $25.00 per visit. Except he has the recollection that RAY sent him a money order (he believes it was a postal money order) for the final $25.00 payment.

[redacted] The doctor said that many of his patients come to him a referral from Mr. MELVIN POWERS of the Wilshire Book Company on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood, California; which he discribed as a publishing house that publishes numerous titles in the field of self-hypnosis. It was his recollection that RAY had indicated he had read some of these books and that he had been referred to the doctor from that source.

The doctor concluded by stating that JAMES E. RAY came to him seeking psychological help in the nature of self-hypnosis to gain confidence, overcome shyness, learn to sleep better, and to be able to talk to people. Following each session, he was instructed to go home and practice the methods of relaxation they had gone over in the office. He was shy, introverted, and withdrawn, but not psychotic or plagued with any deep seated neuroses. Although he indicated he was unemployed, he never seemed to lack money to pay in cash for his consultations during the period of their appointments. When he called to cancel their last appointment, he indicated he was going to New Orleans to accept a position his brother had obtained for him; but he told the doctor he hoped they would meet again sometime.